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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center
SUBJECT : Hold Items

1. I am becoming increasingly concerned about the number of items we are required to carry in a "hold" status, the length of time that they have been in "hold" status, and the confusion resulting from the current "hold" procedures.

2. At present, the following information is in a "hold" status:

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3. The "hold" procedures unfortunately are not adequately known or understood by our customers and by many of our PI colleagues in other organizations. This is disruptive since we cannot communicate candidly with them. For example [redacted] Also items placed in "hold" status may be surfaced unwittingly by other organizations that exploit the film. Our customers are also concerned about targets which should have been reported long ago, for example [redacted] We are unable to explain satisfactorily our delay in reporting.

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4. Keeping information in a "hold" category for extended periods without satisfactory explanations or warnings, while at the same time allowing the film to be disseminated, compounds the risks for inadvertent disclosure.

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Chief, Imagery Exploitation Group
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